

MINUTES
JOINT BOARDS OF MAYOR AND BURGESSES
AND BOARD OF FINANCE
ADOPTION OF THE 2015-2016 BUDGET
MAY 14, 2015

1. Mayor Robert A. Mezzo called the special meeting to order at **6:32 p.m.** with the following in attendance:

BURGESSES:

T. K. Rossi	R. Neth
M. Bronko	A. Olbrys
R. Burns	P. Scully, Sr.
C. Ernsky	R. Vitale
L. Jackson, arr. 7:24 p.m.	

RESIDENTS:

One

PRESS:

E. Gugliotti
P. Singley

FINANCE BOARD:

A. Bottinick	J. Savarese, absent
J. Branco Sampaio, absent	D. Scinto
A. Campbell	D. Sheridan, Jr.
K. Kiernan	S. Stirk, absent
A. Pistarelli, absent	

ALTERNATES:

R. Burke
W. McAllister, absent
D. Wisniewski

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

J. Stewart, Public Works Director
K. Hanks, Fire Chief
W. Zirolli, Engineer
R. Butler, Controller

OTHERS:

C. Montini, Asst. BOE Supt.
J. LaCharity, Police Dept.
B. Rizk, Asst. Business Mgr.

2. Mayor Mezzo led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.
3. Mayor Mezzo turned the meeting over to Finance Board Chairwoman Diane Scinto who appointed R. Burke in the absence of S. Stirk and D. Wisniewski in the absence of J. Branco Sampaio.
4. Chairwoman Scinto stated that each department budget as prepared by the Finance Board will be discussed separately. Each budget will either be **accepted as presented** or **accepted with specified changes**. Each proposed change to a budget will be voted on separately.

Board of Education

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Board of Education Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of **\$62,147,254**.

Motion unanimously opposed.

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Board of Education Budget** be accepted with specified changes (decrease \$91,383 workers compensation, \$29,000 new boiler savings) in the amount of **\$62,026,871**.

C. Ernsky and A. Olbrys opposed.

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GENERAL ADMINISTRATION:

Administrative

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Administrative Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$272,248.

Motion unanimously opposed.

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Administrative Budget** be accepted with specified changes (decrease \$5,180 constituent aide) in the amount of \$267,068.

Town Hall Building

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Town Hall Building Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$137,276.

Town Wide Activity

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Town Wide Activity Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$186,960.

Department of Finance

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Department of Finance Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$344,917.

Probate Court

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Probate Court Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$17,195.

Elections

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Elections Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$110,609.

Tax Department

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Tax Department Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$233,376.

Property Assessment

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Property Assessment Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$205,782.

A. Bottinick in favor.

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by Mayor Mezzo that the **Property Assessment Budget** be accepted with specified changes (decrease \$500 departmental supplies) in the amount of \$205,282.

A. Bottinick opposed.

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Building Inspector

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Building Inspector Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$214,371.

Motion unanimously opposed.

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Building Inspector Budget** be accepted with specified changes (decrease \$200 travel mileage) in the amount of \$214,171.

A. Olbrys opposed.

L. Jackson arrived 7:24 p.m.

Information Technology

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Information Technology Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$194,755.

L. Jackson abstained.

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Information Technology Budget** be accepted with specified changes (decrease \$5,000 Fire Department phone system) in the amount of \$189,755.

L. Jackson abstained.

Town Clerk

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Town Clerk Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$179,385.

Downtown Development

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Downtown Development Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$166,050.

Naugatuck Economic Development Corporation

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Naugatuck Economic Development Corporation Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$94,050.

Prospect Street School Building Maintenance/Tuttle Vacant Building Maintenance

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Prospect Street School Building Maintenance/Tuttle Vacant Building Maintenance Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$36,500.

Land Use

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Land Use Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$121,718.

L. Jackson and A. Olbrys opposed.

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Legal Department

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Legal Department Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$283,000.

Estimated Wage Increases

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Estimated Wage Increases Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$298,302.

A. Campbell, T. K. Rossi and R. Vitale in favor.

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Estimated Wage Increases Budget** be accepted with specified changes (decrease \$650 animal control officers) in the amount of \$297,652.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

FOR:

Mayor Mezzo
D. Scinto
A. Bottinick
D. Sheridan
R. Burke
D. Wisniewski
R. Burns
R. Neth
P. Scully

OPPOSED:

T. K. Rossi
A. Campbell
K. Kiernan
M. Bronko
C. Ernsky
L. Jackson
A. Olbrys
R. Vitale

ABSTAIN:

None

Motion carried 9-8-0

Human Resources

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Human Resources Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$127,685.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Police Department

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Police Department Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$6,590,545.

Motion unanimously opposed.

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Police Department Budget** be accepted with specified changes (decrease \$46,232 regular payroll, \$1,400 education increment) in the amount of \$6,542,913.

T. K. Rossi, D. Scinto and R. Vitale in favor.

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Police Department Budget** be accepted with specified changes (decrease \$46,232 regular payroll, \$1,500 department supplies, \$1,400 education increment) in the amount of \$6,541,413.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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FOR:

Mayor Mezzo
A. Bottinick
R. Burke
R. Neth
P. Scully

OPPOSED:

D. Scinto
T. K. Rossi
A. Campbell
K. Kiernan
D. Sheridan
D. Wisniewski

M. Bronko
R. Burns
C. Ernsky
L. Jackson
A. Olbrys
R. Vitale

ABSTAIN:

None

Motion failed 5-12-0

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Police Department Budget** be accepted with specified changes (decrease \$46,232 regular payroll, \$1,400 education increment) in the amount of \$6,542,913.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

FOR:

Mayor Mezzo
D. Scinto
T. K. Rossi
D. Sheridan
R. Burke
D. Wisniewski

M. Bronko
R. Burns
R. Neth
P. Scully
R. Vitale

OPPOSED:

A. Bottinick
A. Campbell
K. Kiernan
C. Ernsky
L. Jackson
A. Olbrys

ABSTAIN:

None

Motion carried 11-6-0

Fire Department

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Fire Department Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$3,967,729.

T. K. Rossi and R. Vitale in favor.

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Fire Department Budget** be accepted with specified changes (decrease \$50,000 overtime) in the amount of \$3,917,729.

A. Campbell, T. K. Rossi and R. Vitale opposed.

EMS/Ambulance

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **EMS/Ambulance Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$0.

Office of Emergency Management

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Office of Emergency Management Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$5,100.

Local Emergency Planning Committee (NEMAC)

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Local Emergency Planning Committee (NEMAC) Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$19,900.

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Eastside Fire Station

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Eastside Fire Station Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$16,600.

Safety Patrol

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Safety Patrol Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$1,000.

M. Bronko and R. Vitale in favor.

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Safety Patrol Budget** be accepted with specified changes (decrease \$650) in the amount of \$350.

M. Bronko and R. Vitale opposed.

Fire/Police

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Fire/Police Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$1,000.

M. Bronko and R. Vitale in favor.

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Fire/Police Budget** be accepted with specified changes (decrease \$500) in the amount of \$500.

M. Bronko and R. Vitale opposed.

D. Scinto left 8:26 p.m.

HEALTH AND WELFARE:

Social Services

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Social Services Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$30,000.

D. Scinto was not present for the vote.

Naugatuck Youth Services Incorporated

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Naugatuck Youth Services Incorporated Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$72,330.

D. Scinto was not present for the vote.

Visiting Nurses Association

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Visiting Nurses Association Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$0.

D. Scinto was not present for the vote.

D. Scinto arrived 8:31 p.m.

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Water Pollution Control Authority

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Water Pollution Control Authority Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$6,664,267.

Senior Center

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Senior Center Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$83,276.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Department of Public Works Operations and Maintenance

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Department of Public Works Operations and Maintenance Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$4,566,101.
R. Vitale in favor.

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Department of Public Works Operations and Maintenance Budget** be accepted with specified changes (decrease \$2,000 industrial park mowing, \$1,300 background checks, \$200 Baummer's Pond fish) in the amount of \$4,562,601.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

FOR:

D. Scinto
T. K. Rossi
A. Campbell
M. Bronko
R. Burns
R. Neth
A. Olbrys
P. Scully

OPPOSED:

Mayor Mezzo
A. Bottinick
K. Kiernan
D. Sheridan
R. Burke
D. Wisniewski
C. Ernsky
L. Jackson
R. Vitale

ABSTAIN:

None

Motion failed 8-9-0

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Department of Public Works Operations and Maintenance Budget** be accepted with specified changes (decrease \$2,000 industrial park mowing, \$1,300 background checks) in the amount of \$4,562,801.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

FOR:

D. Scinto
T. K. Rossi
A. Bottinick
A. Campbell
D. Sheridan
D. Wisniewski
M. Bronko
R. Burns
C. Ernsky
R. Neth
A. Olbrys
P. Scully

OPPOSED:

Mayor Mezzo
K. Kiernan
R. Burke
L. Jackson
R. Vitale

ABSTAIN:

None

Motion carried 12-5-0

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Engineering Department

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Engineering Department Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$301,369.

DEBT SERVICE:

Debt Service

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Debt Service Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$4,599,029.

PENSIONS:

Pensions

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Pensions Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$9,677,914.

NON-DEPARTMENTAL:

Insurance

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Insurance Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$10,293,969.

Community Services

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Community Services Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$1,035,721.

K. Kiernan, D. Scinto and R. Vitale opposed.

General

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **General Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$1,266,150.

Reserve Fund

Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Reserve Fund Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of \$1,099,311.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

FOR:

Mayor Mezzo
A. Bottinick
K. Kiernan
R. Burke
D. Wisniewski
M. Bronko
R. Neth

OPPOSED:

D. Scinto
T. K. Rossi
A. Campbell
D. Sheridan
R. Burns

ABSTAIN:

None

C. Ernsky
L. Jackson
A. Olbrys
P. Scully
R. Vitale

Motion failed 7-10-0

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Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Reserve Fund Budget** be accepted with specified changes (increase \$10,000 fire hoses) in the amount of **\$1,109,311**.
A. Bottinick, M. Bronko, R. Burke and K. Kiernan opposed.

Contingency

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the **Contingency Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of **\$350,000**.

Revenues

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by T. K. Rossi that the **Revenues Budget** be accepted as presented in the amount of **\$115,788,750**.

5. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the Joint Boards meeting be adjourned at **9:31 p.m.**

A digital recording of this meeting is available in the office of the Borough Clerk for further review.

Attest:

Nancy K. DiMeo
Borough Clerk

cc: R. Butler/File